

Dr. Ravi Chaudary—Science and Technology

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Mr. Jay Mandal—Journalism

Dr. Rajesh Mehra—Medicine

Ms. Swati Sharma—Arts and Culture

Northern Virginia, which I am proud to represent in Congress, is blessed by its diversity. We are home to more than 40,000 people of Indian descent and (one of) the largest number of Asian-American, including Indian-American owned small businesses and tech firms in the nation. This diversity enriches our entire community and contributes to our region being considered one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family, and start a business.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating all of the recipients of the GOPIO Awards of Excellence on their accomplishments. I commend them for their service to their communities and to our nation, and I wish them success in all their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO A BORDER SECURITY EXPERT

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the professional achievements and service of my go-to border security guy and friend, Mr. Paul Anstine.

Paul has a long history of putting his country first. He served over seven years as a United States Marine, completing two tours in Iraq. But his service did not end there.

Paul found his way to the House of Representatives in 2007 with a determination to make this country safe from those who seek to do us harm. Paul spent the past eleven and a half years working in the halls of Congress, starting as a scheduler for my former colleague, Candice Miller of Michigan. Paul eventually worked his way up to become the Staff Director for the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, also known as BMS, a position which he has masterfully held for the past seven and a half years.

Paul's role as Staff Director transcended beyond his leadership in conducting oversight of the Department of Homeland Security and crafting thoughtful, pragmatic legislative solutions. Paul's positive demeanor, data-driven mindset, and work ethic made his presence not only a valued component of the committee but also in my day-to-day role as Chairman. Paul served as a subject matter expert, confidant, and trusted senior advisor whose counsel I always held in the highest regard.

His expertise helped to inform new Committee members and elevate discussions at briefings and hearings. Paul's talents were most notably on display in his role crafting countless border and maritime security bills. Paul was also the lead author for over ten bills that were signed into law, including the first ever authorization of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the critical Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Prevention Act. During his tenure, he also coordinated nu-

merous trips overseas and to the southwest border where he provided contextual information and expert analysis of the complex situation at the border to Members and Congressional staff.

Paul has left an outstanding legacy on the Committee especially with Steven Giaier, Jason Miller, Chad Carlough, Matt Coughlin, Keith Robinson, Mary Rose Rooney, Kris Ensley, Emily Trapani, Kris Carlson, Steve Roth, and Matthew Fournier, who he affectionately refers to as "Team BMS". Paul's quick wit, political savvy, and ability to see humor in all things will be missed profoundly.

Today, I am honored to be able to put the spotlight on him. I am hopeful that Paul's next chapter will allow him to spend more time with his wife, Rosella, and his two young boys, Alexander and Lucas. I know Paul's friendship and counsel will remain constant, and that his service to this Nation does not end here.

I thank Paul for everything, and I am excited to see what he will accomplish next.

CORPORAL ROSS BLANK

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable courage of Corporal Ross Blank, a law enforcement officer in Brush, Colorado.

On April 28, a man stole a semi-truck in Logan County, Colorado, and he proceeded to rampage through the town of Brush and the surrounding areas. With the police in pursuit, the semi-truck wrecked anything in its way—destroying cars, injuring several civilians, and nearly killing a police officer.

In the midst of this chaos, Corporal Blank began pursuing the semi-truck through town. He soon realized that the situation was becoming serious enough that he must resort to lethal force to stop the semi-truck. From his police car, Corporal Blank began firing at the truck's tires. As the chase led into open country, he then moved alongside the cab and fired several rounds at the driver, but even this did not stop the suspect. Later, Corporal Blank confronted the truck from the parking lot of a middle school. As the truck bore down on him, Corporal Blank bravely fired round after round after round through the truck's windshield. He escaped just before the semi-truck smashed into his patrol car. Undeterred, Blank grabbed his ammunition from the wreckage of his car and continued pursuing the truck on foot until the driver was eventually caught.

For his heroism, Corporal Blank was recently honored by Brush Police Chief Travis Anderson at a ceremony packed with town residents. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the people of Brush in thanking Corporal Blank for his courage, quick-thinking, and dedication to protecting the people in our community.

HONORING KINGSLEY OWUSU OTOO AND DORIS TOLEDO

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kingsley Owusu Otoo and Doris Toledo for becoming QuestBridge College Prep Scholars, which is a national award that is given to low income youth.

Gainesville High School selected Kingsley and Doris from their junior class in recognition of their academic achievements and strong character.

As QuestBridge College Prep Scholars, Kingsley and Doris can interact with and receive feedback from college admission officers at the QuestBridge National College Admission Conference. This award also gives the chance for these two students to apply for the Quest for Excellence Award, which covers expenses for laptops and reimburses students for their college applications.

Because of receiving this award, Kingsley was selected to attend a summer program at Emory University this August, and Doris was selected to receive tele-mentoring from an Amherst College student.

I am proud to honor Kingsley Owusu Otoo and Doris Toledo for their excellent academic achievements and wish them the best of luck as they further their academic careers.

HONORING HER HOLINESS YUGA NAYAKI KARUNAMAYI AMMA

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Her Holiness Yuga Nayaki Karunamayi Amma, known simply as "Amma" to her many admirers, for her exemplary efforts in bringing peace and understanding not only to the people of India, but to all nations.

Born as Sri Vijayeshwari Devi in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, Amma was drawn to a spiritual existence and spent most of her young adult life absorbed in prayer and meditation. After a period of intense reflection, Amma began a life of advocacy for the poor and disenfranchised, publicly speaking throughout India on the issues of nonviolence, equality, and respect for all people regardless of gender, religion, race or social status. Her teachings have led her across the globe, speaking to countless followers and performing humanitarian work wherever the need is greatest.

To realize her vision of a more just world, Amma and her organization offer a host of services to underserved men, women and children in the United States, India and Africa. These services include organizing and providing, among other things, free medical care, clean water, free education, free food, leprosy care, and wheelchair distribution. Amma believes in pursuing sustainable development that enable families trapped in poverty to give a better future to their children.

Amma is beloved by many as a Hindu saint, and has a large following in my district. Her